

Overview

Old Cowtown Museum is a 17-acre living history museum set on the banks of the Arkansas River just west of downtown Wichita. It portrays the history of Sedgwick County between 1865 and 1880. The museum is located about one and one quarter miles west and a little south of the original location of the first Wichita settlement. On this site, 35 buildings of historical significance to Wichita and Sedgwick County have been assembled. The Historic Area of the Museum represents three periods of Wichita and Sedgwick County history: Old Town portrays Wichita during the years 1865 to 1869; the Town Area recreates the atmosphere of the years 1870 to 1880; and the 1880 DeVore Farm illustrates agricultural activity in Sedgwick County. Old Cowtown hosts school programs and special events and is staffed by both paid and volunteer workers.

Old Cowtown Museum is operated by Historic Wichita-Sedgwick County, Inc., which is governed by a local Board of Directors. Sedgwick County participates in funding the activities of the museum by supporting nine full-time positions and over \$100,000 for part-time employees. In addition to Sedgwick County, Old Cowtown Museum is supported with funding from the City of Wichita, private donations, corporate sponsorships, and earned revenue (admissions, rentals, store and cafe sales). Additional private donations are raised to support Cowtown's capital campaign. The 2002 budget includes a 3% general salary increase for all County employees.

Budget Summary

Category	2000 Actual	2001 Budget	2002 Adopted	% Change 01-02
Personnel & Benefits	1,123,202	1,197,071	1,182,667	-1.2%
Contractual Services	391,068	338,880	338,880	0.0%
Commodities	188,894	188,894	188,894	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	
Total	1,703,164	1,724,845	1,710,441	-0.8%
Grant Revenue	1,271,606	1,271,606	1,271,606	0.0%
Fee Revenue			-	
General County Revenue	431,558	453,239	438,835	-3.2%

2002 Performance Measurement Summary

Performance Measure	2000 Actual	2001 Estimated	2002 Projected
Number of visitors per year	54,926	56,573	56,573
Cost per visitor	\$31.01	\$30.49	\$30.27
Revenue per visitor	\$6.02	\$6.08	\$6.08

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Mission

To preserve and present the history of Wichita and Sedgwick County, Kansas from 1865 through 1880.

Goals:

- ✍ Focus on presenting a more positive visitor experience.
- ✍ Increase visitor and school tour attendance.

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Board of Commissioners
2002 Priorities:**

- ✍ Youth Services
- ✍ Process Improvement & Collaboration
- ✍ Demographics
- ✍ Economic Development
- ✍ Quality of Life

Staffing Detail

Code	Classification	Range	2001 FTE	2002 FTE	2002 Budget
KLC	Curator of Education	23	1.00	1.00	38,685
KLD	Museum Collection Manager	21	1.00	1.00	35,167
KL6	Farm Manager	20	1.00	1.00	32,311
KL5	Volunteer Coordinator	20	1.00	1.00	31,446
KOP	Maintenance Supervisor	19	1.00	1.00	29,251
KPC	Carpenter/Builder	18	1.00	1.00	27,211
KL1	Lead Interpreter	18	1.00	1.00	27,211
KLJ	Cowtown Maintenance Worker	13	1.00	1.00	22,250
KBI	Administrative Assistant	18	1.00	1.00	29,517
Direct Employee Totals			9.00	9.00	273,049
Longevity					300
Overtime					4,000
Part-time/Temporary					100,985
Benefits					74,168
Budgeted Savings					-13,667
Total County-Funded Personnel Cost					438,835
Non-County Funded Personnel					743,832
Total Personnel					1,182,667

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